



BROOKFIELD MERCHANTS

Request the Honor of Your Presence at Their 3rd Annual Spring Opening and Style Show

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH EIGHTH.

Brookfield Stores invite you to be their guests WEDNESDAY EVENING March 8th. It is an invitation endorsed by every business house—by every merchant in Brookfield. It is an invitation earnestly extended to YOU with the conviction that this occasion presents an exceptional opportunity for profit and enjoyment.

On this great opening night the sale of merchandise will be dispensed with and all merchants will unite in making free entertainment for Brookfield visitors. Fine stores, beautiful decorations—elaborate displays of the best spring merchandise and the very newest spring styles. Music and a jolly evening awaits you.

Never before have the Brookfield merchants opened the season with such tremendous stocks—never before have the merchants made such a preparation for an opening.

Brookfield and Brookfield merchants ask you to be their guests next Wednesday evening.

C. B. Wallace & Co.,
Clothing for Young Men.
Ferris' 5 and 10 Cent Store,
Goods for the Home Milliner.
Smyth, Dry Goods,
Ready-to-Wear and Shoes.
H. Tooley Merc. Co.,
"If it's from Tooley's it's Correct."
J. F. Walker Shoe Co.,
Shoes for the Whole Family.
S. M. Strain, Jeweler,
Where You Can do Better.
Potter's Stove and Furniture,
Halliburton Dry Goods Co.,
Ready to Wear and Millinery.
J. H. Fness & Son, Jeweler.
Jones Music Co.,
Pianos and Musical Instruments.

Wm. James, Jeweler.
V. Q. and W. H. Johnson,
The Big Grocers.
D. R. Baker, Confectionery.
Peter Keil, Bakery.
Clements, Cash Grocery.
Tooley & McLeod, Groceries.
Harris Bros., Fancy China.
Boyle Drug Co., Pure Drugs.
M. C. Post, Hardware.
Brookfield Electric Light Co.
Linn County Bank.
Brownlee Banking Co.
Stevenson & Hill,
Furniture, Stoves and Wallpaper.
J. B. Keithley, Farm Implements.
Oliver Cramer,
Dry Goods and Ready to Wear

C. O. Green, The Rexall Store.
Olympia Candy Co.
Miss May Farmer, Millinery.
Freeman's Drug Store,
Successor to Barton.
R. N. Bowden, Furniture.
Palace of Sweets,
Candy and Ice Cream.
S. J. Faut, Hardware.
G. F. Duker Dry Goods Co.,
Ready to Wear.
Jas. Carpenter Sons, Groceries.
Lively & Stuart,
"Good Things to Eat."
J. L. Sammel Grocery Co.,
Up to Date Grocer.
Beckers Dry Goods Store,
The Store that Satisfies.

Clements Grocery Co.,
Help Us Grow.
Johnson Bros.,
The Farmer Grocery Store.
F. T. Sanford, Hardware.
B. F. White, Clothing for Men.
Moore Bank.
Clarkson Freeman,
The Money Saving Grocery.
Bertha Stevenson,
Popular Price Millinery.
Dickinson Motor Co.,
Automobile Assessories.
Rogers & Sornburger,
Overland Dealers.
Geo. W. Rouse,
The White Chair Barber Shop.
Power & Moore, Wallpaper.



Republican Convention

One of the most enthusiastic and harmonious conventions ever held in the second congressional district was held by the republicans at Chillicothe on Friday of last week. Many of the delegates reached Chillicothe on Thursday as did many other prominent republicans from over the state. Harmony and get together spirit prevailed and the best of feeling characterized the meeting.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock in the circuit court room. The committee recommended John L. Schmitz, of Chillicothe, temporary chairman and J. N. Stonebraker of Carrollton, temporary secretary. They were unanimously elected. The usual committees were appointed and adjournment taken until 12:30.

Fritz Sassee of Brunswick was made permanent chairman and J. N. Stonebraker permanent secretary with the members of the republican press present assistant secretaries. Ringing resolutions were enthusiastically adopted. The convention kept its hands off in regards to candidates and gave no endorsements whatever.

Linn county went there with a candidate for delegate to Chicago in the person of Hon. E. B. Allen. It developed that the delegates inclined to stick to the rule to pass the honor around among the counties and as Linn county had the honor four years ago Mr. Allen's name was not presented, and Elton L. Marshall, prosecuting attorney of Livingston county and Lenny Baldrige of Milan were chosen delegates to Chicago with out opposition. The delegates go uninstructed.

The P. E. O.'s will hold an apron and bonnet sale Saturday, March 4.

In the Circuit Court

The case of Jacob Drew against the Burlington for damage, alleging he received personal injuries while a passenger on a freight train between Meadville and Laclede last August, resulted in a hung jury.

Joe Dye who was on the same train as Drew and had filed suit for personal damage, withdrew his case before it came to trial.

The damage case of C. J. Griffith against Claud Huffman for bringing smallpox into the Brown hotel, causing the house to be closed a month, was settled out of court, Huffman paying \$250 damage.

Chas. Cooper who was charged with wife abandonment, was tried and found not guilty. Mrs. Cooper is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Labar and is now living with her parents in Laclede.

A good six room dwelling, with two porches and cellar, good well and good outbuildings, lot 50x190, for sale at a bargain price on easy terms. Will take stock for part payment. If you are in the market for a home in Laclede communicate with this office at once.

The consumption of salt in the United States amounts to almost a hundred pounds per capita. And yet, now and then, one runs across a fellow who seems too fresh.

Mother may look with horror on two dozen pairs of socks that need darning, but she knows there is no other work that is so full of conversational possibilities.

An Ohio professor says he has discovered a means of controlling human growth. So the baldheads and those who want to eat everything and still "reduce" can now cheer up.

Burbank's edible cactus is said to be a success and one never knows whether one has eaten it or not, as many of the mysterious compounds one encounters taste as though they were made of cactus or something like that.

Man was made to mourn in the morning.

The feminist is not by any means the ideal woman.

It's better to be an also-ran than one who never tried.

The dictionary is full of words, but ideas are not so plentiful.

Removing the cause could never remedy hereditary bowlegs.

This would be a fine little year in which to bring the war to a close.

As nearly as can be figured out, a savant is a scientist on foreign soil.

The reason the fellow who knows it all is happy is because ignorance is bliss.

Still, there are some tooth pastes that can't be made any worse by a war tax.

"Nothing is so bad that it could not be worse," says one paper, forgetting bad eggs.

If Great Britain wants experienced fighters, why not enlist the married men first?

It is easy to say something nice about ninety-nine out of every hundred babies.

The problem of the powers is to discover what each one has back of all the fronts.

It must be annoying to submarine captains that survivors never approve of their conduct.

How wonderful is woman, who can make herself look like the pictures in the fashion journals.

Before condemning the whole world and the people in it, one should have his own liver examined.

Never sympathize with anybody who thinks he is happy. His philosophy may be better than yours.

One of the first things a young man should learn is that his remote ancestors can't hold his job for him.

A competent astrologer is always wary about mentioning real names and exact dates in his predictions.

P. E. O.

Apron and Bonnet Sale

At Rest Room

Saturday, March 4, at 2 p. m.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Senator Morris Sheppard
ON PROHIBITION.



It is the mission of a newspaper to give the news. The reader is entitled to information on both sides of all economic issues and especially on those questions which are before the public for solution, for it is the duty of every citizen to carefully study the problems of government. We shall present from time to time the views of men who are recognized authority on important questions and who are responsible for their utterances. The views of this paper will be expressed through the editorial column. United States Senator Morris Sheppard the chosen leader of the prohibition forces in presenting the affirmative side of National prohibition to the Senate, said in part:

"The disposition of this prohibition amendment is the most solemn duty that has confronted Congress since the death of slavery. It will determine whether this nation is capable of invoking its constituent powers to consider an evil which at least half the population believes to mean the nation's ruin and to make what Constitutional changes they may deem proper for its extermination. It will determine whether the moral forces of the nation are the dominant ones. It will determine whether this is a Christian nation. We need not deceive ourselves. The issue is plain. A Christian nation cannot tolerate the liquor traffic.

"Not only will he who votes against the submission of this amendment keep the people of the states, acting through legislatures, or conventions, from exercising their fundamental prerogative of deciding what is national and what local, but he will also deny the right of petition to millions of his fellow citizens. Seventy per cent of the territory of this country is already under prohibitory law and over 50 per cent of the American people live in this prohibition territory. A committee of more than two thousand men and women from every section of the Republic, representing through their various organizations probably twenty million people, marched to the steps of the Capitol on a freezing day last December and presented to Representative Hobson for the House and myself for the Senate their request that Congress give the American people a chance to expel the liquor traffic from the country. In the face of a biting December gale, despite sunless skies and the penetrating cold, they came, the joy of a righteous movement in their souls, and inspiring sight my eyes have ever seen. There was no selfish purpose; and at great personal sacrifice to demonstrate the power of a moral impulse. And I tell you that I would rather have been chosen by that band of consecrated men and women to present this prohibition amendment than to hold any office in this Republic. It is safe to say that the twenty million or forty million more in the determination that the liquor traffic shall not be tolerated on a single inch of American soil. It is not an exaggeration to say that a majority of the American people would vote today for a saloonless land and a stainless flag."